

ABOVE SDT Leadership Telecon – March 28, 2014

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Revision of ACEP Chapter 4

The SDT co-chairs are continuing to revise the ACEP text, paying special attention to the proper phrasing needed for NASA to solicit for and conduct a field campaign.

The co-chairs reported that they have been working on reorganizing sections of Chapter 4 (experimental design) and that they have also worked to reduce the text in this section as well. The modeling and decision support sections have been reworded with this in mind, and a rewording of the integration and synthesis section is in progress.

Overall comments on the ACEP centered on ensuring that the language used by the SDT conveys what the important science needs are and why these needs are the focus of ABOVE (as opposed to focusing on how NASA can/should implement the field campaign). An issue under discussion is what guidance the ACEP should give in terms of the location and number of investigator sites needed in order to answer the Tier 2 science questions and objectives.

The leadership team will continue to review Chapter 4 of the ACEP, including an updated modeling section which could become a template for streamlining other sections of Chapter 4.

Revisions are also underway in the decision support and social science section of the ACEP to ensure that these two issues are both addressed clearly (and separately) in the ACEP.

Next Steps:

A follow-up SDT leadership telecon was scheduled for Tuesday April 1st, 2014 at 10:30 am eastern.